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SUBJECT: BRIG. GEN. SUMANTRI, MILITARY COMMANDER AND
DEPUTY CHIEF OF ICCS INDODEL - BIO DATA

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1. BRIG. GEN. SUKEMI EWMANTRI, COMMANDER OF THE NEW GARUDA VII MILITARY CONTINGENT TO ICCS INDODEL AND DEPUTY CHIEF UNDER LT. GEN. DHARSONO (SEE REFTTEL) IS A MEMBER OF INDONESIAN ARMY'S ELITE SENIOR OFFICER CORPS WITH AN OUTSTANDING RECORD AND EXCELLENT CREDENTIALS FOR HIS NEW JOB.

2. SUMANTRI WAS BORN IN MAGELANG, CENTRAL JAVA, IN 1926. HE FOUGHT IN THE REVOLUTIONARY ARMY AND WAS ONE OF THE FIRST GRADUATES - CLASS OF 1948 - OF THE ELITE INDONESIAN MILITARY ACADEMY. HE RECEIVED ADVANCED OFFICER TRAINING IN ARMORED CAVALRY IN HOLLAND IN 1951-52.

3. SUMANTRI TOOK PART IN THE CAMPAIGN THAT CRUSHED THE INDONESIAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PKI) REVOLT AT MADIUN IN 1948. HE ALSO PARTICIPATED IN THE SUPPRESSION OF THE ABORTIVE OUTER ISLAND REBELLION IN 1958 AND THE
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ATTEMPTED PKI COUP IN 1965.

4. FOLLOWING THE TYPICAL CAREER PATTERN OF THE ARMY'S MOST PROMISING OFFICERS, SUMANTRI ATTENDED THE SENIOR ARMY STAFF COMMAND SCHOOL (SESKOAD) IN BANDUNG IN 1965 AND THE NATIONAL DEFENSE INSTITUTE (LEMHANNAS) COURSE IN 1972-73. IN 1956-60 HE WAS MILITARY ATTACHE AT THE INDONESIAN EMBASSY IN BONN. HE HAS TRAVELED IN AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, WESTERN EUROPE AND THE U.S. (1963-64) ON OFFICIAL MISSIONS.

5. SUMANTRI'S MOST RECENT ASSIGNMENT WAS AS DEPUTY ASSISTANT CHIEF OF LOGISTICS. IN THIS POST HE WORKED CLOSELY WITH U.S. DEFENSE LIAISON GROUP OFFICERS, AND DID A SUPERB JOB IN EXPEDITING PASSAGE OF MATERIEL SUPPLIED UNDER THE U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM THROUGH JAKARTA'S CONGESTED HARBOR. TOUGH AND FORTHRIGHT, HE IS AN EXTREMELY ABLE MANAGER. HE ALSO HAS A FLAIR FOR PERSONAL RELATIONS, AND USDLG PERSONNEL HAVE ENJOYED FREQUENT AND PLEASANT SOCIAL CONTACTS WITH HIM.

6. SUMANTRI IS MARRIED AND HAS THREE CHILDREN. HE SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH, DUTCH AND GERMAN, AND UNDERSTANDS SOME FRENCH.
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